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This is a time of year when the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) recognizes members of our community who have made significant contributions to the transportation industry. In this edition of *The Transportation Link* we proudly feature the DOT 2002 Minority Enterprise Development Week (MED Week) award winners.

At OSDBU we want to thank all of our award recipients for the contributions they have made working with the Operating Administrations throughout the Department of Transportation this year. We recognize the hard work and dedication it has taken you to reach this point of success and we appreciate it.

The OSDBU and the TSA have worked together to create new opportunities for small and disadvantaged businesses by sponsoring one-on-one sessions involving procurement opportunities related to improving security at airports nationwide.

We were fortunate to have Secretary Mineta speak at the DOT awards ceremony this year. In this edition of our newsletter we share some of the Secretary's thoughts on this special occasion.

As we approach the conclusion of 2002, I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday season, and a successful Year 2003. All of us at OSDBU look forward to working with you in the New Year!

DOT Honors Small Businesses in Conjunction with the 20th Anniversary of MED Week

On October 28, 2002, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) held its Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week 2002 Awards Ceremony to recognize members of the small and disadvantaged business community who have made significant contributions to the transportation industry and our nation's economy.

Awards were given to Minority Business Enterprises, Women-Owned Business Enterprises, and Minority and Small Business Advocates.

Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta was the keynote speaker. At the ceremony he shared his experiences working at his father's insurance company and owning his own company for thirty-four years stating that he understands very well "...that running a small business takes ingenuity, energy, and a dedication to excellence." He pointed out that "Every day, small business

owners like you take risks and make sacrifices to ensure that your businesses are successful and profitable. America would not be the great and prosperous nation that it is without its entrepreneurs. That's why nations around the world have always tried to emulate our country's entrepreneurial spirit."

This DOT event is a follow-up to the Annual National MED Week Conference sponsored by the Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency and the U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Government Contracting and Minority Enterprise Development.

Celebrated this year on September 24 - 27, MED Week is the largest federal advocacy and edu-

cational event sponsored on behalf of minority business enterprises (MBEs). The U.S. President has proclaimed a National MED Week observance since 1983.

This year's theme, "Strategies for Growth in the American Economy, Part



**U.S. Department of Transportation
Secretary Norman Y. Mineta**



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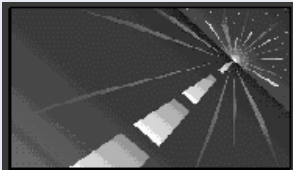
DOT Minority Enterprise Development

MED WEEK 2002 AWARDS

Federal Highway Administration

OUTSTANDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Abulkhair Islam
President
AI Engineers, Inc.



U.S. Department of Transportation

**Federal Highway
Administration**

OUTSTANDING WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Beverly A. Lousignont
Owner
Certified Personnel Service Agency

Federal Railroad Administration

OUTSTANDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Shiv Krishnan
President and CEO
Indus Corporation



Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

OUTSTANDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD



Rodney P. Hunt
President and CEO
RS Information Systems, Inc.

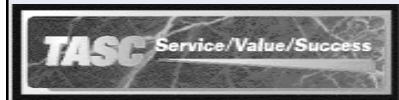
Transportation Administration Service Center

OUTSTANDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

C. Nasser Ahmad
President
Azizia International

WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Karla Lynn Williams
President
Focus AMC, Inc.



United States Coast Guard

OUTSTANDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Tanya Walker
President and CEO
TW & Company, Inc.

Frank Islam
President
QSS Group, Inc.

OUTSTANDING WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

C.S. Veazey & W.L. Miller
Owners
Giga, Inc.



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OUTSTANDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Bill Breighner
President, Bowhead Support Services

PRIME CONTRACTOR of the YEAR AWARD

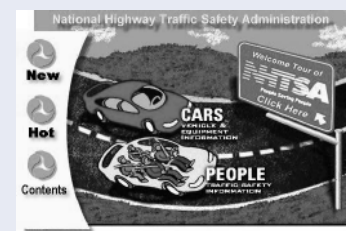
Linda G. Curbo
Procurement Agent
The Boeing Company

OUTSTANDING WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Ava Savadow
President, SAG

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

OUTSTANDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD



A.R. Chair
President
Rainbow Technology, Inc.

Research and Special Programs Administration

OUTSTANDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Joseph H. Brevard & Edward Shoucair
President & Vice-President
Planners Collaborative, Inc.

OUTSTANDING WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Carol D. Allin
Supplie Express, Inc. (SEI)

Federal Aviation Administration

OUTSTANDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Steve Ozuna
President
New Bedford Panoramex Corporation



Anita M. Talwar
President
Advance Management Technology, Inc.
(AMTI)

OUTSTANDING WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Brenda Boone
President
Human Solutions, Inc.

Elizabeth Lyall
President
Research Integrations, Inc.

Maritime Administration

OUTSTANDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Vance Hum
President
I.M. Systems Group, Inc.



OUTSTANDING WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Angela Mason
President
ITS Services, Inc.

Federal Transit Administration

OUTSTANDING WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Kija Kim
President & CEO
Harvard Design and Mapping (HDM)
Co., Inc.

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Transportation Security Administration

OUTSTANDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AWARD

Leon Snead
CEO
Leon Snead & Company, P.C.

Martha Beltran
President and CEO
Alltech International

Ken Cook
Senior Project Manager
Turner Construction Company
(Aviation)

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II: The Entrepreneurial Economy," focused on the critical challenges of securing financing, overcoming regulatory barriers to job creation, gaining a voice in the regulatory process, and becoming competitive in the government contracting process — all important tools that this growing sector of American businesses will need to continue its increasingly important role.

At the DOT event, Secretary Mineta stated that the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OS-DBU) and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) are working together to create new opportunities for small and disadvantaged businesses. He pointed out that "Contracts to large businesses to support TSA's efforts at our nation's airports contained aggressive goals that seek to award 40 percent of sub-contracted work to small businesses, with up to 14 percent for small disadvantaged businesses, 5 percent woman-owned businesses, and 3 percent for disabled veteran-owned businesses. To date, TSA prime contractors have awarded more than \$221 million to small businesses, with almost half, \$109 million in contracts, going to small disadvantaged businesses."

In congratulating the winners of this year's awards he emphasized "You are all important contributors to ensure that America's transportation infrastructure and systems remain safe, secure, efficient — and world class."

The DOT Press release on Med Week is posted on the DOT web site at <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/dot09702.htm> You can read the Secretary's speech given at that event at <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/102802sp.htm> For more information on the DOT award ceremony, call Brenda Preston at (800) 532-1169 x66397 or e-mail brenda.preston@ost.dot.gov. Information on the National MED Week Conference is posted at <http://www.medweek.gov>.

The SBA Shows Us How to “Be Aware and Prepare”

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has a new section on their web site called “Be Aware & Prepare.” Located at <http://www.sba.gov/beawareandprepare/>, this site is divided into the following three sections.

Business Links tells you to *Be Aware* and provides important information on business disaster prevention, disaster recovery, and business continuity. It also includes general business tips for protection.

Cyber Security shows you how to *Close the Door on Terror* by providing information to help prepare your computer at home or at the office against cyber attacks, emphasizing that computer security can protect against important data being lost and your privacy violated.

Family Emergency Planning helps you *Prepare* by providing information to assist your family with safety tips and preparation, in the event of an emergency or disaster.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR January 2003

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
Jan. 8-10	Government Conference on Emerging Technology Las Vegas, Nevada	Mary Enoch 1-888-603-8899 enoch@ncsievents.com https://www.federalevents.com/govcon/attendees/registration.html
Jan. 8-12	Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, Inc., 25th Annual National Technical and Career Conference NTTC 2003 New Orleans, Louisiana	Claudia Galicia (Student) Claudia.Galicia@shpe.org Lourdes Arce (Professional) Lourdes.Arce@shpe.org 323-725-0316 http://www.shpe.org/nttc2003
Jan 12-16	Transportation Research Board (TRB) 82nd Annual Meeting Washington, DC	http://www.expocard.com/shows/trb031/regform.cfm trb031.attendee@expoexchange.com
You can access information on local Small Business Administration (SBA) events at http://www.sba.gov/calendar/		
		

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